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SUBJECT: FINNISH DISARMAMENT APPEAL SIGNATURE COLLECTION STARTS

1. COMMUNIST-DOMINATED PEACE DEFENDERS ORGANIZATION JANUARY 30 OBTAINED PRESIDENT KEKKONEN'S AGREEMENT TO ACT AS PATRON OF DRIVE IT IS STARTING AS OF EARLY FEBRUARY TO COLLECT SIGNATURES FOR MASS DISARMAMENT APPEAL. THIS DRIVE WILL BE PART OF WORLD PEACE COUNCIL WORLD WIDE EFFORT TO COLLECT SIGNATURES FOR WHAT IS LABELED A NEW "STOCKHOLM APPEAL". REPORTEDLY INTENTION IS THAT RESULTS FROM ALL COUNTRIES BE TURNED OVER TO UNITED NATIONS THIS AUTUMN.

2. APPEAL IS SAID TO CALL FOR "AN END TO THE ARMS RACE, INTERNATIONAL PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND ALL MASS DESTRUCTION WEAPONS, GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMEMENT, AND THE CONVENING OF A WORLD DISARMAMENT, AND

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THE CONVENING OF A WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE."

REFERENCE IS MADE IN PEACE DEFENDERS' APPEAL TO 1967
SPEECH BY KEKKONEN WHERE HE SAID: "WORLD PEACE IS A
DISTANT GOAL, BUT IT WILL NOT COME ABOUT UNLESS THERE
IS ACTIVITY ON BEHALF OF IT. IN THE EYES OF SOCIETY
WORK FOR PEACE MUST BE HELD AS PATRIOTIC AS ANY OTHER
NATIONALLY NOBLE TASK."

3. ACCORDING TO COMMUNIST DAILY KANSAN UUTiset, FIRST
TO SIGN APPEAL ARE PRIME MINISTER MIETTUNEN, THE LEADERS
OF THE LEFTIST AND CENTRIST PARTIES, CHAIRMEN OF NATIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF ARTS AND SCIENCES.
IN ADDITION TO INDIVIDUALS, APPEAL CAN BE SIGNED BY
ORGANIZATIONS, SOCIETIES, AND VARIOUS MEETINGS.
COMMUNIST PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE HAS PUBLICLY URGED
ALL PARTY MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS TO SIGN APPEAL.
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